

CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

with

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATIONS

by the Bishop of Sherwood, The Rt Revd Dr Andy Emerton

Christ the King

Sunday 26 November 2023 10.00am

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This Order of Service is printed on sustainably produced paper.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

Collection

During this service a collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn, the net proceeds of which will go to the Bishop's Confirmation Appeal, which this year is for



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Children's activities

There will be a simple activity for younger children in the middle of the service, leaving after the Gospel and returning in time for Communion. Those with young children are also invited to explore our Children's Chapel, near the font. Everyone is welcome to remain in the main service throughout, to enable them to witness the Confirmations.

Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The administrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Gluten-free wafers are available — please speak to a Churchwarden or verger before the service (if possible) to request one.

Clergy at this Service

The President of the Eucharist and Preacher is the Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Dr Andy Emerton. The Deacon is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*. The Sub-Deacon is the Revd Erika Kirk, *Priest Vicar*.

Music at this Service

The Cathedral Choir is directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*. The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Missa brevis* by William Walton (1902-83).

Organ Music before the Service

Sonata No 2 in C minor

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

- i. Grave
- ii. Adagio
- iii. Allegro maestoso e vivace
- iv. Fuga Allegro moderato

The Rite of Confirmation

It is a deeply significant day in the life of all those who have decided to make a considerable and very public statement of their faith; for some they will be 'confirming' promises made by godparents and parents many years ago: a promise to try to live a trusting life following the call of Christ and being open to the grace of the Holy Spirit, 'quickening us' in the Christian faith. For increasing numbers of people it will be the beginning of a relationship with a believable God who has drawn them from right outside any structure of belief or belonging.

From whatever background or experience, through their decision to turn to Christ, they give us tremendous encouragement to celebrate our shared faith, and challenge us afresh to make effective our promises to God and to serve his world which he has loved from before the beginning as he continues to draw us into his own future.

If you come this day to support a member of the family or a friend, whether you are of any faith or none, we are delighted you are here and hope you can relax and find genuine welcome. If you have any questions regarding anything you experience here today, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the clergy after the service.

The Minster is bedecked in royal gold and white today as we are brought together by Christ himself in the great feast of Christ the King — the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Live-streaming

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel, for one week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

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We pray for those who are being confirmed today:

St Michael, Ordsall & Retford

Suzanne Marie Smith

The Revd Alex Shiells

St Mary's Plumtree

Mrs Carol Courtney

The Revd Margaret Oldroyd

St Mary the Virgin, Southwell

The Revd Canon Dr Richard Frith

Florence Ball, Alexander Hopwell, Florence Mondschein, Archibald Murray, Rosie Seaton, Pauline Howlett, Robert Miller & Margaret Wheldon

St Mary Magdalene with St. John the Evangelist, Hucknall

The Revd Rachael Burn

Amy Meakin Kirsty Woodward Rhea Waters

All Saints', Cotgrave

Mark Timothy Whitfield

The Revd Paul Massey

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before the service, The Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor, welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



- 1. Christ is the King, O friends rejoice; Brothers and sisters with one voice Tell all the world he is your choice. Alleluya.
- 2. O magnify the Lord, and raise Anthems of joy and holy praise For Christ's brave saints of ancient days. *Alleluya*.
- 3. They with a faith for ever new Followed the King, and round him drew Thousands of faithful hearts and true.

 Alleluya.

- 4. O Christian women, Christian men, All the world over, seek again The Way disciples followed then. *Alleluya*.
- 5. Christ through all ages is the same: Place the same hope in his great name, With the same faith his word proclaim. *Alleluya*.
- 6. Let love's unconquerable might Your scattered companies unite In service to the Lord of light. Alleluya.
- 7. So shall God's will on earth be done, New lamps be lit, new tasks begun, And the whole church at last be one.

Words: after George Bell (1883-1958) CP 165 Copyright © Oxford University Press Tune: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT) NEH 345 Melchior Vulpis (1570-1615) arr. Henry Ley (1887-1962) Bishop

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

Bishop

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

There is one body and one spirit.

There is one hope to which we are called.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

The Bishop introduces the service.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING read by the Revd Rachael Burn, of St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist, Hucknall

Ephesians 1: 15–23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader as they move into the middle of the Nave

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 3: 1–17,

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All



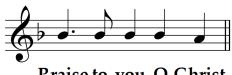
Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please turn back, and sit when invited. Following the Gospel reading, young children and carers are invited to follow the children's leaders for their own activities if they wish.

SERMON given by the Bishop

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

Presentation of the Candidates

The sponsoring ministers present their candidates for confirmation to the Bishop

Bishop, from the Parish of *X*, I present... *Ministers*

The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates I have.

> Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates I am.

The candidates turn to face the congregation.

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The candidates turn back to face the Bishop.

THE DECISION

The Bishop addresses the candidates:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ moans dwing to sin

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Candidates I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Candidates I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidates I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Candidates I come to Christ.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you strength to continue in the Way.

Please stand

MOTET sung by the choir, during which the Bishop leads the candidates to the Font

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

Words: John 14: 15-16 Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Bishop Praise God who made heaven and earth,All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all, to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit, may daily be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life; through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Amen.

Brothers and sisters,
I ask you to profess
together with these candidates
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Bishop sprinkles the candidates with the water of baptism.

When the organist begins to play, please turn back to sing the following hymn.

HYMN during which the candidates are led back to their seats, following the Paschal Candle



- 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.
- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure, Until with thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-89) NEH 342

- 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with the fire divine.
- 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity.

Tune: CARLISLE NEH 178 Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

Please sit or kneel

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding: the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate by name:

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying:

Confirm, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Bishop anoints each candidate with oil.

The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those newly confirmed:

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

Please stand

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

Bishop

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN during which the table is prepared and a collection is taken, the net proceeds of which will be given to the Bishop's Confirmation Appeal.



1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!

- 2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!

 Power and majesty concealing

 By your humble birth:

 Yours the glory...
- 3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, Victim crucified!

 Death is through the cross defeated, Sinners justified:

 Yours the glory...

4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never Stifle hymns of love:

Yours the glory...

5. So, our hearts and voices raising Through the ages long, Ceaselessly upon you gazing, This shall be our song:

Yours the glory...

Words: Michael Saward (1932-2015) Copyright © 1964 Michael Saward – The Jubilate Group Tune: GUITING POWER CP 398 John Barnard (b. 1948)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Bishop Blessed be God,

who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven.

Blessed be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS sung by the choir

Choir

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Bishop

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice

made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Bishop

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All



Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bishop

Uniting our prayer with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Bishop Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei sung by the choir whilst the altar party receives communion

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

The newly confirmed receive Communion first from the Bishop. Once they have all received Communion, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) both at the communion rail and at the font. If you prefer to receive in one kind please feel free to leave after receiving the bread. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection. The administrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Thank you.

Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

Alleluia. I heard a voice as of strong thunderings saying: 'Alleluia. Salvation and glory and honour and power be unto the Lord our God and to the Lamb for evermore.' Alleluia.

Words: after Revelation 5 Music: Thomas Weelkes (c. 1575–1623)

Please remain seated

COMMUNION HYMN



King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,
All within me falls at your throne.

Your majesty, I can but bow; I lay my all before you now. In royal robes I don't deserve, I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and heaven worship you.
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to your throne;
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow; I lay my all before you now. In royal robes I don't deserve, I live to serve your majesty. (x2)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,

may by you be plenteously rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices are given.

Please stand

BLESSING

Bishop Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,

that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN during which the newly confirmed stand before the congregation at the front of the Nave



All hail the power of Jesu's name; Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem To crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call; The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go spread your trophies at his feet, And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue To him their hearts enthral, Lift high the universal song, And crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-92) et al.

Tune: MILES LANE NEH 332 William Shrubsole (1760-1806)

THE SENDING OUT

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The newly confirmed receive a candle lit from the Paschal Candle. Once all have received a candle, the Bishop says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

during which the Bishop leads out the newly confirmed, followed by the clergy

Fantaisie sur le Te Deum et Guirlandes Alleluiatiques Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) (from L'Orgue mystique)

Following the service the Bishop has photographs with the newly confirmed at the High Altar.

Following the service, all are warmly invited to refreshments in the South Transept.

Please take this Order of Service away with you.

Next Sunday is Advent Sunday, and our **Advent Procession** service will take place here at 6.30pm. This atmospheric service begins in darkness, building up to a glorious light as the coming of Jesus is foretold. In word and music, themes of prophecy and expectation come together, pointing the way towards the salvation of the world. Beautiful music is sung by the Cathedral Choir, whose journey through the building reminds us of our own spiritual journey towards the light of Christ, in anticipation of the glories of Christmas. Entry is not ticketed; however early arrival is advised.

For full details of all of our Advent and Christmas services and events, please visit our website: www.southwellminster.org/christmas2023

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